# STATE OF ILLINOIS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

James R. Thompson Center Murdock Room - DHS 100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 5-300 Chicago, Illinois 60601

> Meeting of Panel B May 15, 2013 11:00 a.m.

# **MINUTES**

**Present:** Commissioners David Chang, Panel Chair

Robert A. Cantone Lauren Beth Gash

Staff Donyelle L. Gray

Evelio Mora

Christine Welninski

Public none

## Call to Order

A meeting of Human Rights Commission Panel B was called to order on May 15, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. by Panel Chair David Chang.

Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/1 et seq., it was determined that:

1) A quorum of the public body was present at the meeting.

#### I. Minutes

January 16, 2013

The minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2013 were approved as submitted by staff. Motion to approve the October 10, 2012 minutes made by Commissioner Cantone seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

## II. Contested Matter

A) Michael Palmore v. Avon Products, Inc.

Charge No.: 2008CF2511 ALS No: 09-0418

Pending before the Panel were the Complainant's exceptions to the ALJ's Recommended Order and Decision ("ROD"). The Panel voted to decline review of the ROD and voted to adopt the ROD as the final Order and Decision of the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

B) Aline Durbin v. Sears, Roebuck & Co. Charge No.: 2004CA1171 ALS NO.: 07-872C

Pending before the Panel were the Complainant's exceptions to the ALJ's Recommended Order and Decision ("ROD"). The Panel voted to decline review of the ROD and voted to adopt the ROD as the final Order and Decision of the Commission. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

# III. Request for Review

A) Dajun Zheng v. Ron of Japan

Charge No.: 2009CA4202 ALS No.: 11-0519

The Panel sustained the dismissal of the charge in the above-referenced matter for Lack of Substantial Evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

B) Charlyn McClure v. Winpak Heat Seal Corporation Charge No.: 2010SA3577 ALS No.: 11-0520

The Panel sustained the dismissal of the charge in the above-referenced matter for Lack of Substantial Evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

C) Ademola Ademiju v. The Vision Network
Charge No.: 2010CF0129 ALS No.: 11-0514

The Panel sustained the dismissal of the charge in the above-referenced matter for Lack of Substantial Evidence. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

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> D) Robert A. Harper v. Dwight Welch Charge No.: 2011CN2555 ALS No.: 11-0527

The Panel sustained the dismissal of the charge in the above-referenced matter for Lack of Jurisdiction. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

E) Robert A. Harper v. Henrietta Turner Charge No.: 2011CN2556 ALS No.: 11-0528

The Panel sustained the dismissal of the charge in the above-referenced matter for Lack of Jurisdiction. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

F) Robert A. Harper v. Dwight Welch Charge No.: 2011CN2174 ALS No.: 11-0529

The Panel sustained the dismissal of <u>Counts A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H</u> of the charge in the above-referenced matter for Lack of Jurisdiction. The Panel also voted to remand the matter for further investigation as to the uninvestigated allegations of the charge. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

#### IV. Motions to Vacate Default Order

A. Maureen A. Finn v. Office of the Medical Examiner, Cook County
Charge No.: 2012CF2288 ALS No.: 13-0033

The Panel voted to deny the Motion. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Dimples Hughes-Williams v. John J. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Charge No.: 2012CF3591 ALS No.: 13-0034

The Panel voted to deny the Motion. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Dimples Hughes-Williams v. John J. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County
Charge No.: 2012CF2266 ALS No.: 13-0035

The Panel voted to deny the Motion. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

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D. Valore Witherspoon v. Cook County Department of Corrections
Charge No.: 2012CA2691 ALS No.: 13-0037

The Panel voted to grant the Motion. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

## V. Petition for Default

Maureen A. Finn v. Office of the Medical Examiner, Cook County Charge No.: 2012CF2912 ALS No.: 13-0160

Pending before the Panel were the Illinois Department of Human Rights' Petition for Default. The Respondent filed a Response to the Petition for Default. The Panel voted to grant the Petition. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

## VI. Petition for Default

Rony Fajardo v. Aromor Recycling & Company Charge No.: 2012CF2666 ALS No.: 13-0161

The Panel voted to grant the Petition. Motion made by Commissioner Cantone, seconded by Commissioner Gash. Motion carried 3-0.

# VII. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m. Motion made by Commissioner Gash, seconded by Commissioner Cantone. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Donyelle L. Gray General Counsel